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1222, 1226, 1226A, 1227

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...house to live in. Oh, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for record, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, bills read on Final Reading were presented to the Governor, 11:45. (Re: LB 454, LB 454A.) Enrollment and Review reports, LB 1199, LB 1199A, LB 1226, LB 1226A, LB 1227, LB 940, all to Select File. Notice of hearing from Government Committee. New A bill. (Read LB 845A by title for the first time.) Senator Mines would like to print an amendment to LB 1222; Senator Baker to LB 1189. Thank you, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1348-1356.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Further discussion, motion to bracket? Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I have enjoyed the discussion. I won't disagree with the proponents of the bill that the horse racing industry has helped the ag industry. And I would say that that has probably helped it more in the past than it would help it under this bill. Under the idea that these machines could only be located at an existing horse track, it would possibly bring more individuals out to the actual racetrack then potentially help them with their on-site betting, which is an annual requirement, the one day a year that they have to have before they are allowed to do simulcasting as well. The ideas that some of us have visited about with that might actually help the ag industry even more would be, on those days when they were actually betting on these historic races, if they would actually bring some of those horses in out of the cold and stand them next to the machine and feed them some hay. That would probably help the ag industry there, at least, that horse in particular. But I think we have to think through this in sincerity and whether or not this is even a good idea. The state's cut, as far as the agency that would benefit from this, is about \$30,000 a year and I'm not going to tell you that they don't need the money.